AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended)

1. A herbicide-safener combination, which comprises:

(A) one or more herbicidal cyclohexanedione oximes ~~("dims")~~ or an agriculturally acceptable salt or metal complex thereof, selected from the group consisting of

(A1) alloxydim,

(A2) butroxydim,

(A3) clefoxydim,

(A4) clethodim,

(A5) cycloxydim,

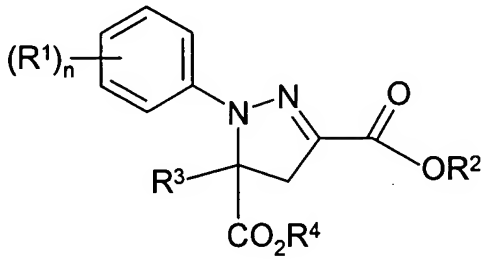
(A6) sethoxydim,

(A7) tepraloxydim, and

(A8) tralkoxydim.

and

(B) an antidotally effective amount of one or more compounds of formula (I) or a salt thereof:



(I)

in which

$(R^1)_n$ is n radicals R^1 where the R^1 are identical or different and are each halogen or $(C_1\text{-}C_4)$-haloalkyl,

n is an integer from 1 to 3,

R^2 is hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$-alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_4)$-alkoxy-$(C_1\text{-}C_4)$-alkyl, $(C_3\text{-}C_6)$-cycloalkyl, tri-$(C_1\text{-}C_4)$-alkyl-silyl or tri-$(C_1\text{-}C_4)$-alkyl-silylmethyl,

R^3 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_6)-alkyl, (C_1-C_6)-haloalkyl, (C_2-C_6)-alkenyl, (C_2-C_6)-alkynyl or (C_3-C_6)-cycloalkyl, and

R^4 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_{12})-alkyl.

Claim 2 (currently amended)

2. A herbicide-safener combination as claimed in claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is:

clethodim (A4), cycloxydim (A5) or tepraloxydim (A7) or salts thereof.

Claim 3 (currently amended)

3. A herbicide-safener combination as claimed in claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein

$(R^1)_n$ is n radicals R^1 where the R^1 are identical or different and are each F, Cl, Br or CF_3,

n is 2 or 3,

R^2 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_4)-alkyl,

R^3 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4)-alkyl, (C_2-C_4)-alkenyl or (C_2-C_4)-alkynyl, and

R^4 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_8)-alkyl.

Claim 4 (currently amended)

4. A herbicide-safener combination as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (B) is, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-methyl-2-pyrazoline-3-carboxylate.

Claim 5 (currently amended)

5. A herbicide-safener combination as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is clethodim (A4) or a salt thereof.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

6. A herbicide-safener combination as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is cycloxydim (A5) or a salt thereof.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

7. A herbicide-safener combination as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is tepraloxydim (A7) or a salt thereof.

Claim 8 (currently amended)

8. A herbicide-safener combination as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the active compounds (A) and (B) are present in a weight ratio of from 200:1 to 1:200.

Claim 9 (original)

9. A herbicidal composition which comprises a herbicide-safener combination as defined in claim 1 and additionally contains formulation auxiliaries.

Claim 10 (original)

10. A method for protecting crop plants against phytotoxic side-effects of a herbicide (A), which comprises application of an antidotally effective amount of one or more safeners (B) before, after or simultaneous with the application of herbicide (A) to the plants, parts of plants, plant seeds or the area under cultivation, herbicide (A) and safener (B) being defined as in claim 1.

Claim 11 (currently amended)

11. A method as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (B) is, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-methyl-2-pyrazoline-3-carboxylate.

Claim 12 (currently amended)

12. A method as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is clethodim (A4) or a salt thereof.

Claim 13 (currently amended)

13. A method as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is cycloxydim (A5) or a salt thereof.

Claim 14 (currently amended)

14. A method as claimed in claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is tepraloxydim (A7) or a salt thereof.

Claim 15 (original)

15. A method for selectively controlling weeds in crops of useful plants which comprises application of a herbicide-safener combination as claimed in claim 1 to the plants wherein compounds (A) and (B) are applied simultaneously, separately or sequentially.

Claim 16 (currently amended)

16. A method as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (B) is, ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-methyl-2-pyrazoline-3-carboxylate.

Claim 17 (currently amended)

17. A method as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is clethodim (A4) or a salt thereof.

Claim 18 (currently amended)

18. A method as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is cycloxydim (A5) or a salt thereof.

Claim 19 (currently amended)

19. A method as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein component (A) is tepraloxydim (A7) or a salt thereof.